THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Rules for Young Writers.

"Whatever you are—Be that! Whatever you say—Be true! Straightforwardly act, Be honest—in fact, Be nobedy else but you." POETRY.

His Unlucky Day. Wunst I got mad at ma,
I don't remember why;
But I 'ist walked right off to school
'Thout tellin' her good-by.

A big of lump came in my throat
An' purt near made me ery.
For me an' ma is awful pals
An' allus kiss good-by.

n' might' near ever'thing I did Went wrong, looked like to me; I stubbed my tee, an' tore my waist - An' fell and skinned my knee.

I missed in 'rithmetic an' lost A chanst to git up head, An' in the spellin class I left A letter out of "dead."

An' that of lump growed, an' I says:
"S'pose if ma should die
Right now an' me a-leavin' her
"Thout kissin' her good-by."

My! that's the longes' mornin' 'At ever I spent, I know,
It seemed like mor'n fifty years
Tore it was time to go.

An' never mind what happened When I seen my ms, but I
'Ist guess I won't go 'way no more
'Thout kissin' her good-by.

—Chicago News.

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE. AWAKES.

exercise for your health, you may never have been told to exercise your mind for the strengthening of your

You have not got to commit anything to memory, but just take what we call a simple word like Forest or Stars or Ocean or Tree or Dawn and

little one, though not the great woods of South America or Russia, where you may stand on the edge of woods the other edge of which are thousands of miles away.

Dawn is a good word, and so is Twilight. You know them both-the coming of light, the fading of light-a lit-

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1-Nancy Tetrault of Versailles, The Princess of the Revels. 2-Frances Davis of Eagleville, J Very Naughty Girl 3-Mildred E. White of Stafford Springs, Alwyn's Friends.

4-James Kelley of Arlington, N. J. Tom Swift and His Electric Rifle. 5-Dorothy G. Gardner of Central Village, Little Purdy's Captain Horace. 6-Almira Kramer of Colchester, A

7—Elsie Lang of Norwich, A Little Girl in Old San Francisco. 8-M. M. Anderton of Lebanon, Pru-dy's Cousin Grace.

Winners of books living in the city may call for them at the business of-fice of The Bulletin at any hour after 16 a. m. on Thursday.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT Ruth K. Cregan of Wilsonville: I was much surprised and pleased to receive the prize book you sent me. I have read it and liked it very well. I am sending another story and hope you will like this one as well. Thank you very much.

Angle Whyte of Stafford Springs: Received the pretty prize book. Many, many thanks.

Flossie M. Meyer of Taftville: wish to thank you for the prize book you sent me. I have read it through and have found it to be one of the most interesting books I have ever

Mildred Weaver of Hampton: I thank you for the nice prize book you sent me entitled The Three Little Women at Work.

STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES.

My First Dog. When I was a very little girl I lived in the country with my father and mother. I had the cutest little white, dog whom I called Bingo. He and I

ment in the day. The imporactivity and rest will gleam dog whom I called Bingo. He and I from the read and passers by were kept were almost constant companions before intruding by a low, white-paint-cause wherever he chose to go I always followed him if I could get away.

Bingo was very mischlevous and full in passing each other. Elm trees, the stree is, you will ter for it.

The place where we lived was tust interfaced overhead, forming a green archay.

years old. Trees provide man shelter, food and clothing.

Oceans cover three-fifths of the sur
Getting no reply, she searched around me in the dressed wanter in the dressed w

Little Servants

Providence, R. I.

Be Kind to All.

he house for us, but when she was mable to find us she became anxious and ran for father to help her. Then

and shed, but with no success.

Growing more frightened, they were about to start for help when they heard the bark of a dog which they readily recognized as that of Bingo. They went in the direction of the sound, which led into the forest, and found us coming toward home, Bingo in the lead and I following.

When they asked me why I went into the woods alone, I said: "Oh! I just went to get some flowers and pussy willows, and wasn't alone, 'cause Bingo was with me."

NANCY TETREAULT, Age 12.

Versailles.

187,000 miles a second and is only it minutes in coming from the Sun to our Earth, ninety-three million miles, and there are suns so far away it takes the light from them 40 years to reach the earth.

Then think of Power, and if you set your mied to it right you will find the power of man in his greatest works is nothing as compared with the power of God.

This is a thought habit it will pay all Wide-Awakes to cultivate, or anyone else.

It pays to give strength to the soul as well as to the body.

Winners Of Prize Sooks.

1—Nancy Tetrault of Versailles, The Princess of the Revels.

"Here I am at last half hidden in the searth in this forest," sighed a beauty pin.

"What did you say?" asked a little squirrel, who was on his way home to his nest.

The pin locked up. "Oh," alse said. "a party of girls were having a pic-nic here is at week and I was lost by one of them.

"Once I was a useful pin, but now leave the discovered here."

"What use are you in the world, anyway?" asked the squirrel.

"I was made to pin on pretty dresses and to be admired," answered the pin proudly. "Once I was a lump of gold in one of the mountains of the Rockies. There was much more gold there, too.

We lived in the Rockies many years and one day we heard a thump, thump, shump above our heads. We were frightened at first, but later found out it was only the miners who had come to his nest.

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the center.
"A jewelry man came one day and "A jewelry man came one day and bought me with many others and placed me in a case with other pins in the big window, where I could see everyone who passed by and where I was admired by many people.

"How happy I was when purchased by a lady who came into the store."

"She kept me a long time, but one day while she was walking along the beach I fell from her dress into the sand.

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"A little while later a party of girls came along and one of them discovered me lying there.

"About a week ago the girls had a party here in the woods and while they were playing tag the girl to whom I now belong ran so fast that I, became unfastened and fell to the ground and now I must end my existence here unless—

The pin did not finish, for just then a little girl who was gathering flowers came along. The squirrel, although much interested in the story, scampered home, and the next time he came that way the pin was nowhere to be seen, so we leave you to guess what happened,

MARY A. BURRHLL, Age 18.

Stafford Springs.

Last week I passed by accident through one of the quaintest little vilthrough one of the quaintest little villages I have ever soen. A solemn Sunday hush brooded over the place, unbroken by fruit vender's cry, rattling
of wagons, honk of motor horn, or
any of the other noises so commonly
heard in a busy locality.

The houses, judging from their appearance, must have dated back several hundred years, and what seemed
most peculiar, were all painted a pinkish white. Each was set well back
from the read and passersby were kept

gone fashion, and some carried small, black parasols in black-mittened hands. As I went by, each regarded me in a politely inquiring way, as though asking by what right I in-

truded into that quiet spot.

Altogether, it seemed as though progress in its onward march had made a wide detour of the little village, leaving it untouched.

ELIZABETH M. O'ROURKE.

Providence R I

"Oh, what an untidy room! Skip about, little ones, and set it in order." It about, little ones, and set it in order." It is a set in the control of the cont

"Women Rule Here."

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The little house still stands, but the ninister and his good wife Peggy have gone to their reward.

DOROTHEA GALLUP GARDNER.

Central Villago.

Age 13 A Day's Climb on the Mountains.

A Day's Climb on the Mountains.

Suppose we are traveling through the countries of Europe and are soing to climb the Alps.

First of all we must make preparations. We must wear old clothes, but they must be of heavy goods, for on the mountains it is very cold. We must take a raincoat, handkerchiefs and heavy stockings, for we shall climb the Alps on foot. We also must have an alpen-stock and a strong pole with a sharp, steel point to aid us in climbing and glasses to shield our eyes from the glaring sun. We must have guides who carry ice axes to cut steps in the walls of thick ice.

At the foot of the Alps it is midsummer, but farther up it is midsummer, but farther up it is midwinter. The air is cold after the sun has set.

walnuts. Higher are forests of fir and plane trees where cows, sheep and soats graze and higher still are many shrubs, flowers and Alpine roses.

Near the tops of the mountains the air is very thin. There are very many dangerous paths.

There are many glaciers in the Alps, glaciers over great snow rivers of the Alps which were frozen ages ago and which are freezing still. There are vast masses of ice and snow filling gorges high up in the mountains; and slowly, slowly they are moving down into the valleys, writing their diaries upon the rocks and earth through which they are plowing their way.

Glaciers are moving all around us and now and then we hear explosive sounds and sometimes large stones roll down the mountain side.

These glaciers started to move centuries and centuries ago and travel about two feet a day, or one inch every hour.

We must be careful when we jump

a dark bosom went up a pure prayer to the Great Spirit.

They did not have their laws written on paper but followed them according to their own ideas.

All this has passed away now. Two hundred years have changed it all. The Pilgrims came, over in the Mayflower, bearing the seeds of life and death. The former were sown for you, the latter for the simple natives. Two death. The former were sown for you, the latter for the simple natives. Two generations have changed a great continent, and blotted forever from its face a whole, peculiar people. As a race of people they have withered from the land. Their arrows are broken, their springs have dried up and their cabins are in dust. Their council fires no longer burn and their war cry is dying out rapidly. council fires no longer burn and their war cry is dying out rapidly.

Slowly and sadly they climb the distant mountain peaks and read their doom in the settling sun. They are a sarinking away from the mighty tide of white people who are rushing forth to take away their land. They must soon hear the rear of the last wave which will settle over them forever. This is how the Indian, the only natural American, was cheated out of his rights of peace, and this is how it is still.

LEO POLIQUIN, Age 11.

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A Good Woodhouse, convenient place for the storage

which I enjoyed very much. I stayed so with him in New London until 4p. m., but when he had to leave for home.

I went back to the besch and went in bathing, which was my first, experience in salt water, which I enjoyed much more than fresh water.

When I arrived at home I found a great surprise awaiting me. While I was away they had a heavy rain, accompanied by a small cyclone about a hundred feet wide. The wind had broken branches off elm trees over 40 feet long. It broke down pear and spple trees. It broke off two ornamental trees and took off the roofing from a house and cow shed. It blew down two other outbuildings.

GEORGE W. CONE.

A Surprise.

One day I was sitting on the front planta telling my father how I often wished for a play house, but I thought my wish would never come true.

The next day I got an invitation from a girl that I played with at school to come on the farm and stay a week. My mother got my dress suft case packed. Then I was all ready to start. It was a very bright meraling on which I was on the way for the 8 o'clock car and at noon time strived at the farm. The little girl was waiting for me at the depot.

When the car arrived I took my dress suit case and got off. The little girl was giad to see her school chum back again.

Eagleville.

Only Ten Minutes.

"Harry, I want you to work out a problem for me."
"All right, sir." Harry took out his pencil and note pad.

"I want you to figure how much it would cost the firm if you were ten minutes late every day for a year."

Harry colored. He had been late every morning for more than a week. When Mr. Wilson had gone back into his office. Harry began to work at the his office, Harry began to work at the problem.

First he found that ten minutes a

day amounted to an hour every week. Mr. Wilson gives his employes two week's vacation every year, so Harry found that in the 50 working weeks he would lose 50 hours. The working time in the office was 44 hours a week, so he found that in a year he would cheat the firm out of almost seven working days.

days.

Harry has not been late a single morning since he worked that little Versailles.

LETTERS TO UNCLE JED.

The School Pionic,

Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell
you about our school pionic. Every
year when the time for vacation draws

A convenient place for the storage of fuel is a necessity on every farm. It should be located near the littchen, and be easy of access from that quarter, in any case, it should be near the choise.

Sometimes a portion of the back part of the dwelling is finished off for this purpose. Its size should be sufficient to hold considerably more wood than would be needed by the family in one year. It should be provided with a good floor, that the wood need not be put upon the ground. There should be a loft over the wood-house, which may be reached by interesting the should be a loft over the wood-house, which may be reached to take and we went outdoors for the storage of many fings.

Such places are always available for some purpose, on any farm. The building should be tightly boarded and provided with windows sufficient to make it conveniently light. The wood should he we went outdoors for the place with windows sufficient to make it conveniently light. The wood should be conveniently reached.

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LILLIAN M. BREHAUT.

East Norwich, N. Y.

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On the 5th of July I started on a trip to Ocean Beach. It was raining at home, but when I arrived at the beach it was not raining, although when I was et the south end of the board walk it started to pour, and I was coaked to the skin before I could get into the pavilion. I stayed there until it stopped raining.

On the car going down I met a friend

A Story About a Bunny Rabbit.

Dear Uncle Jed:—Once there was a little girl who lived in a lonely region where children

We first played some games and then can then came the refreshments. Three were sandwiches, cake, candy, because of the read and has a nice yard, shaded by several large trees, which the children the road and has a nice yard, shaded by several large trees, which the children the road and has a nice yard, shaded by several large trees, which the children the road and has a nice yard, shaded by several large trees, which the children the road and has a nice yard, shaded by several large trees, which the children the road and has a nice yard. Shaded by several large trees, which the children was that this was my last plenic at the little white school-house on each my home, where I have studied for five years under the same teacher.

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NELLIE E. DAY.

Dreasing Dolls for Orphans.

Dear Uncle Jed:—The girls belonging to our Sunday School are dressing doffs to be sent to an Orphanage. My sister and I dressed one cach and made two dresses each extra in case there were any dolls left over that had to be dressed. The dolls are made of celluloid, with movable arms and we purchased them, at ten cents each. They are about five or six inches high. We obtained the patterns from one of the Sunday School teachers and took the dolls to her after we had dressed them. They are going to be sent to the Orphanage about the middle of this month. I should very much like to see the little children when they receive the dolls.

The little girl took me to her house, where a delicious dinner was waiting for me.

I played with Alice—this was the girl's name—all kind of games.
The following week I got a letter telling me it was time to come home.
I packed up and thanked the little girl for her kind invitation and bid the girl good-bye, got on the train and arrived home at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.
I got my hat and coat off and went out in the back yard and to my surprise found a beautiful little play house the most was the lace curtains. I was contained to the comphanage of the hospital is in the city.

My Cat.

Dear Uncle Jed:—I am going to tell you about the same cat I wrote about before. She is very big now and very cross. If anybody touches her she gets very angry. Her principal food is milk and Quaker oats.

She is white and black. But she keeps very clean all the time. I was very surprised Friday morning when I got up for she had four little kittens. One was white and black just like the mother, the other one was black, and the other two gray spotted.

She takes care of them very nicely. They are beginning to open their eyes and walking around.

Last time she had five kittens but they all died one after another for she wouldn't take care of them. She would leave them all day without seeing them Their names are Sporty. Tiger, Topsy and Fido. They are very nice little kittens.

kittens. LENA LACUSSE, Age 12. Uncasville.

Dear Uncle Jed:—The other day there was a fire on Ridge street. All the firemen were up stairs in the engine house when the fire-bell rang. They came running downstairs and put on their rubber coats and hats and got the horses ready to start.

When they reached the fire it was blazing high, and in one of the windows they saw a lady trying to get out. So one of the men put up a ladder, and took the lady out and jumped down. The lady ran to the next house and got a coat to put

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

Troop Leader Ralph Graham is at the Y. M. C. A. camp at Niantic for two weeks, and is taking part in the scout work there.

Troop No. 2.

Patrol Leader Edwin Sevin, Cor-loral Halsey Gallup, Scouts Comeau, Robinson, Jewett and Rasumssen are injoying camp life with the Y. M. C. A.

Troop No. 5 Now in Camp.

Ten members of Troop No. 5 left on Monday morning with Scoutmaster G. H. Ewing for a week of camp life at Best View. Some went by trolley with the luggage, others on their bicycles. The scouts in the party include Darrow Vergason, William Webster. Sidney and Arthur Avery, Harold Sterry, Claude Combies, Walter Durr, and Walter Hitchon.

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in camp from Norwich and Comple-sioner Bruce has made arrangements whereby Scout Round is authorized to give second and first class enterina-tions, subject to the approval of the

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With 114 merit badges to their credit Troop s of Bridgeport, Ct., probably holds the world's record. The nearest to this record is held by a troop in Texas which has 146. A demonstration of scout work was given in the parish hall of Christ church. Lucien T. Warner, president of the local council and member of the Court of Honor, presented Frank Wilson and Clarence Reliter with Eagle Boott badges. There are only three Eagle Scouts in the state and these two are the only ones which hold life and star rank as well as Eagle honors.

Troop 6 includes 26 boys, 12 of whom are first class scouts 8 within 1 point of first class, 2 in second class because prevented by circumstances from attending meetings and one tenderfoot, in the troop but two weeks, The work for the past winter has been included an extended course in bird study and another in electricity, and mining conducted by Bertihit Hastlings, Fraduate of Yale in mining engineering.

Soliciting by Scouts.

All scout officials will be interested in the report on "soliciting by scouts" which has been prepared by a committee of the board of directors of the Baltimore Scoutmasters' club. The report in full is given below:

The committee realizes that at times any troop may find it necessary to raise money for its own purposes.

Owing to the services and efficiency of the scouts, the name and uniform stand high in public favor, and this fact in turn imposes additional responsibilities on us and gives us greater opportunities of service. But we will all quickly lose this good will and this opportunity if only a few groops take to begging.

All money raised by scout troops abould be raised for the troop (not for the individual scout), and for scouting purposes only. There is a great temptation to enlist the scouts in raising money for various charitable purposes, but it is often very difficult to discriminate between worthy and unworthy objects and methods; and such continued activity is likely to cause our organization to be regarded as a public nuisance. The committee therefore feels that our best interests are served by not allowing the scouts as a whois to be used for any such purpose. This,



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